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General Assembly

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9.30 a.m. . . . . . 47th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [14]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/59/295)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.18)
2. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: report of the Secretary-General (A/59/307) . . . . . [26]

Main Committees

First Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57-72): *item 58* (A/C.1/59/L.55/Rev.2); *item 59* (A/C.1/59/L.33); *item 62* (A/59/165 (Part I), A/59/165 (Part I)/Corr.1 and A/C.1/59/L.8); *item 65* (A/59/117, A/59/117/Add.1, A/59/118, A/59/119, A/59/127, A/59/127/Add.1, A/59/127/Corr.1, A/59/128, A/59/128/Add.1, A/59/129, A/59/132, A/59/132/Add.1, A/59/132/Add.2, A/59/132/Add.2/Corr.1, A/59/132/Add.3, A/59/132/Add.4, A/59/132/Add.5, A/59/136, A/59/137, A/59/137/Add.1, A/59/156, A/59/156/Add.1, A/59/178, A/59/178/Add.1, A/59/179, A/59/181, A/59/193, A/59/278, A/59/278/Corr.1, A/59/364, A/C.1/59/L.1, A/C.1/59/L.13, A/C.1/59/L.21/Rev.1, A/C.1/59/L.26/Rev.1, A/C.1/59/L.30, A/C.1/59/L.34, A/C.1/59/L.38*, A/C.1/59/L.40/Rev.1, A/C.1/59/L.41, A/C.1/59/L.43/Rev.1, A/C.1/59/L.45/Rev.2, A/C.1/59/L.49/Rev.2, A/C.1/59/L.53, A/C.1/59/L.56, A/C.1/59/L.57, A/C.1/59/L.58 and A/C.1/59/L.59); *item 66* (A/59/157, A/59/169, A/59/171, A/59/177, A/59/182, A/59/209, A/59/364, A/C.1/59/L.4/Rev.1); *item 69* (A/C.1/59/L.54); *item 71* (A/C.1/59/L.25/Rev.1); and *item 72* (A/C.1/59/L.17/Rev.1)

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Other documents (A/C.1/59/1, A/C.1/59/2, A/C.1/59/3*, A/C.1/59/4, A/C.1/59/INF/1, A/C.1/59/INF/2, A/C.1/59/INF/2/Add.1, A/C.1/59/INF/2/Add.2, A/C.1/59/INF/2/Add.3, A/C.1/59/INF/2/Add.4 and A/C.1/59/INF/2/Add.5)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/59/13, A/59/151. A/59/260, A/59/279 and A/59/442) . . . . . [75]

General debate

Second Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Dialogue for the 2004 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System on the theme "United Nations development cooperation: Reforms, resources, results", organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

[The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mr. Le Van Bang, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; Ms. Leonor Calderón, Minister of Social Development of Panama; Mr. Jean-Michel Severino, CEO of the French Development Agency (AFD), France; Ms. Badarch Suvd, Director of Policy Planning, Information and Monitoring Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden; Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, UNDP, and Chair of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG); Mr. Lennart Båge, President, IFAD and Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB); Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA; Ms. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; Mr. Carlos Fortin, Officer-in-Charge, UNCTAD; and Mr. Kul Gautam, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF. Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Globalization and interdependence (A/59/138, A/59/115, A/59/155-E/2004/96 and A/59/158) . . . . . [87]

   (a) Globalization and interdependence (A/59/312)

   (b) International migration and development (A/59/325 and A/59/73)

   (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/59/203)

   (d) Culture and development (A/59/202)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/59/301)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions . . . . . [83]

(a) International trade and development

Programme planning (A/59/16, A/59/6 (Prog. 10) and A/59/6 (Prog.10)/Rev.1). . [109]

3. Macroeconomic policy questions (A/59/80-E/2004/61, A/59/80/Corr.1-E/2004/61/Corr.1, A/59/115 and A/59/155-E/2004/96) . . . . . [83]

(a) International trade and development (A/59/15 (Parts I-V), A/59/305 and A/59/369)

(d) Commodities (A/59/304)

Introduction and general discussion

Third Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Human rights questions (A/59/225, A/59/371 and A/59/425[1]) . . . . . [105]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/59/255, A/59/319, A/59/320, A/59/323, A/59/327, A/59/328, A/59/341, A/59/360, A/59/366, A/59/377, A/59/385, A/59/401, A/59/402, A/59/403, A/59/422[1], A/59/428[1], A/59/432[1], A/59/436 and A/59/525[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/59/256, A/59/269, A/59/311, A/59/316, A/59/340, A/59/352, A/59/367, A/59/370, A/59/378, A/59/389, A/59/413 and A/C.3/59/3[1])

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36)

Continuation of general discussion

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . 33rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [101]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.29

2. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004 . . . . . [102]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.30

3. Human rights questions (A/59/225, A/59/371 and A/59/425[1]) . . . . . [105]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/59/255, A/59/319, A/59/320, A/59/323, A/59/327, A/59/328, A/59/341, A/59/360, A/59/366, A/59/377, A/59/385, A/59/401, A/59/402, A/59/403, A/59/422[1], A/59/428[1], A/59/432[1], A/59/436 and A/59/525[1])

[1] To be issued.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/59/256, A/59/269, A/59/311, A/59/316, A/59/340, A/59/352, A/59/367, A/59/370, A/59/378, A/59/389, A/59/413 and A/C.3/59/3[1])

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36)

Continuation of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (United Nations common system (A/59/30 (Vols. I–II), A/59/153, A/59/399, A/59/429 and A/59/522))

2.30–4.30 p.m. 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [108]

Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396)

Introduction by the Secretary-General

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/59/364 and A/58/785) . . . . . [118]

Introduction and general discussion

Sixth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. 17th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session (A/59/10) . . . . . [144]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Fund for International Partnership (UNFIP)
2. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 49 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 49 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 49 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 49 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First Committee
Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 109 (Programme planning (Prog. 3), Disarmament (A/59/6 (Prog. 3) and A/59/16, chap. II, sect. C, prog. 3)) will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 12.40 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room S-3170B.

Second Committee
Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kumar Gupta (Canada), on the draft resolution on agenda item 86 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gabriel Cremades, (Spain) on the draft resolution on freshwater (under agenda item 85 (a)), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Mark Ramsden (New Zealand), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (b) (Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States), will be held on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other meetings

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Monday, 1 November 2004

Meeting of co-sponsors of a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209

Informal consultations on Third Committee draft proposal on the programme for human rights education (organized by the Permanent Mission of Australia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on Third Committee draft proposal on human rights defenders (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" (under item 105 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, on behalf of the European Union)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on a Third Committee draft proposal on equitable geographical distribution in the membership of the human rights treaty bodies (under item 105 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (Suite of offices)

2004 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on macroeconomic policy questions: external debt crisis and development; follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development; and macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development)*

10 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(coordinating meeting on sustainable development)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on globalization and interdependence: international migration and development; globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin; globalization and interdependence; and social dimension of globalization)*

1.15–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

African Group *(Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (organized by the Permanent Missions of South Africa and Zambia (on behalf of the African Group))

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-2963D

Meeting of Legal Advisers

2.30–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Community of Democracies *("democracy caucus" at the expert level)*

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The use of micro-algae as food to restore the victims of humanitarian emergencies" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Somalia)

3–3.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 1 November 2004

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . . Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will take up agenda items 75 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 76 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories), from 1 to 11 November 2004. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on these agenda items are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-3189).

Second Committee — *Informal "informals"*

Informal "informals", convened by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland on the draft resolution on agenda item 44 (Information and communication technologies for development), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in a conference room to be announced in the *Journal*.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. José Briz Gutiérrez (Guatemala), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 11 a.m to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolutions on agenda item 85 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) and on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon, will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Juraj Koudelka (Czech Republic), on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 85 (c)), will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion for the 2004 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review for Operational Activities for Development on the theme "United Nations development cooperation: Coordination, participation and effectiveness". A presentation on the functioning of the United Nations development system at country level will be made by the United Nations Sub-regional Team for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. The panel, organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Ms. Rosina Wiltshire, Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative; Ms. Veta Brown, Programme Coordinator of the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization; and Ms. Jean Gough, UNICEF Area Representative. Presentations will also be made by H.E. The Hon. Elvin Nimrod, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grenada; and Ms. Judy Williams, Secretary-General of the Grenada Community Development Agency, representing civil society. An open forum with the delegations of Member States will follow.

For further information on the panel discussion, please contact the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2825). Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance) (under agenda item 103); and Ms. Shaista Shameem (Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination) (under agenda item 104), will address the Third Committee on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, at 9.30 a.m.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-President of the Third Committee, Ms. Astanah Banu Shri Abdul Aziz (Malaysia), to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of revitalization of the work of the Committee, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, at 9.30 a.m. and at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all remaining items allocated to the Sixth Committee is open (A/C.6/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

General Assembly

2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme, will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, in writing, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Wednesday, 3 November 2004. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Terri Olvida (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail olvida@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will be held on Friday, 5 November 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on issues before the resumed substantive session for 2004.

Resumed substantive session 2004

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting of its resumed substantive session of 2004 on Friday, 5 November 2004, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commission on Sustainable Development

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on contributions of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the thirteenth session of the Commission and its intergovernmental preparatory meeting. The briefing, held at the request of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and other major groups are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Federica Pietracci, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8497).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Mason Group *(First Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *(First Committee)* on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting of co-sponsors of a Third Committee draft resolution on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of a Third Committee draft resolution on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004 from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors of a Third Committee draft resolution on the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of a Third Committee draft resolution on the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the outcome of the ten-year review of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa)

There will be informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the Outcome of the ten-year review of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

There will be informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

There will be meetings of the African Group *(Third Committee experts)* on Tuesday and Thursday, 2 and 4 November 2004, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

There will be a meeting of the Group of Experts on Economic Matters of the African Group on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: briefing by Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW))*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee: briefing by Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW))*, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 12.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on training and research: United Nations University)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(draft resolution on training and research: United Nations University)*, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 *(core group on eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(core group on eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))*, on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, from 12.30 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 *(resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council: regional cooperation; least developed countries; and international cooperation in tax matters)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council: regional cooperation, least developed countries; and international cooperation in tax matters)*, on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

United Nations Development Programme

An informal consultation on the implications of simplification and harmonization on execution modalities will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested Member States are invited to attend.

Group of the Least Developed Countries *(pending issues before the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council; Second Committee draft resolution on the least developed countries; and preparation for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (18-22 January, Japan))*

There will be a meeting of the Group of the Least Developed Countries *(pending issues before the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council; Second Committee draft resolution on the least developed countries; and preparation for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (18-22 January, Japan))* on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (organized by the Permanent Missions of South Africa and Zambia (on behalf of the African Group))

There will be informal consultations on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa, organized by the Permanent Missions of South Africa and Zambia (on behalf of the African Group), on Wednesday, 3 November, and Friday, 5 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (under agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (under agenda item 100), organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway, will be held on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room B.

Briefing on the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius)

There will be a briefing on the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius, on Thursday, 4 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 and 10 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The programme of the seminar will be sent to registered participants. Delegates who wish to attend the seminar are requested to return the nomination form that has been faxed to their Permanent Mission by Thursday, 4 November. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9683).

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the third high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The seminar is part of the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology. Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 1 November 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on

the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than 5 November 2004, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 28 October 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

45th plenary meeting

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [15 (b)]

(i) Election of one member

The President drew attention to a letter addressed to him by the Permanent Representative of Greece, by which Greece announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the reminder of its term, in favour of Spain (A/59/358).

On the first round of the balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Spain was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a term of office beginning 1 January 2005 and ending on 31 December 2005.

(ii) Election of eighteen members

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority and the largest number of votes, Australia, Brazil, Chad, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Guinea, Iceland, India, Lithuania, Mexico, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005.

Since one seat from the Eastern European States, and one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The result of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Albania	**108**
Costa Rica	**114**
The former Republic of Macedonia	**77**
Venezuela	**72**

On the second round of balloting none of the countries obtained the required majority.

The Assembly decided, on the proposal of the President, to postpone to the next morning the balloting for one seat from among the Eastern European States and one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

Friday, 29 October 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

46th plenary meeting The summary of the 46th meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/212).

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

19th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Assistance in mine action . . . . . [22]

Statements were made by the Director of Mine Action Service and the Military Adviser, Head of the Military Division of the Department for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Committee heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, China, Pakistan, Ukraine, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Canada, Australia, Egypt, Yemen, New Zealand, the United States, Colombia, Ecuador and Angola.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

The Director for Mine Action Service made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft decision A/C.4/59/L.9.

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implication.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/59/L.9 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded the consideration of agenda item 22.

Programme planning . . . . . [109]

Programme 23: Public information

The Chairman made a statement.

The Rapporteur, as facilitator of the open-ended informal consultations, made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

19th meeting

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [87]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin

(d) Culture and development

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Director, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO.

In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with the Director, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO, during which questions were posed by the Chairman and to which the Director responded.

20th meeting

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [87]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin

(d) Culture and development

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA, the Director of the Population Division, DESA, the Representative of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Director of the Development Policy and Planning Office, DESA, made introductory statements.

In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with the substantive representatives, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the Chairman and by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Chile, Croatia, the Netherlands and Azerbaijan, to which the Director of the Population Division, DESA, the Representative of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Director of the Development Policy and Planning Office, DESA responded.

A statement was made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

The Committee began its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; and the countries of Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and

Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway), India, China, India, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam and San Marino.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

30th meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [105]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The Secretary made a statement.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo responded to questions raised during the previous dialogue session.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan reported to the Committee under agenda item 105 (c) and engaged in a dialogue with representatives of the Sudan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Canada and Switzerland.

The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health presented his report under agenda item 105 (b) and engaged in a dialogue with the following representatives: Brazil, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Grenada, Switzerland, New Zealand, Canada, China and Cuba.

The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and consequences, addressed the Committee and engaged in a dialogue with the following representatives of the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Guatemala and New Zealand.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the programme of work.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

31st meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [105]

The Committee continued its dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and consequences, and heard interventions by the following representatives: Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Indonesia and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman of the Working Group on the right to development of the Commission on Human Rights addressed the Committee, under agenda item 105 (b), and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Malaysia, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Tunisia, China, the Syrian Arab Republic, India and Yemen.

The Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, particularly women and children, addressed the Committee and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of the United States, Thailand, Japan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), the Philippines, Burkina Faso and India.

Human rights questions . . . . . [105]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Belarus and the Republic of Korea.

Right of reply

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Fifth Committee

17th meeting

Human resources management . . . . . [114]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard a statement by the representative of Mexico.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213 and with the decision taken by the Committee at its 13th meeting held on Tuesday, 26 October, the President of the United Nations Staff Union presented the views of the Staff Union.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Sierra Leone and South Africa.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Friday, 29 October, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. David Dutton (Australia).

United Nations pension fund . . . . . [117]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Liechtenstein, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation and Kenya.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Tuesday, 2 November, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mohammad Tal (Jordan).

United Nations common system . . . . . [116]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, China, Japan, Argentina, Venezuela and Nigeria.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213 and with the decision taken by the Committee at its 13th meeting held on Tuesday, 26 October, the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations and President of the United Nations Staff Union, on behalf of the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations, also spoke.

Following those statements, the representatives of Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria and Sierra Leone also made statements.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Monday, 1 November, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jaideep Mazumdar (India).

Other matters

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee also made statements.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee also made statements.

Sixth Committee

16th meeting

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts . . . . . [139]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 139.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Cyprus, France, Jordan, Germany, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Mexico, Italy and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 139.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [140]

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.13, as orally revised.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 141.

It was announced that El Salvador had joined as sponsor of draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.14.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.14 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 141.

Observer status for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly . . . . . [160]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 160.

It was announced that Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.7.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.7 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 160.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session . . . . . [143]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 143.

It was announced that Kenya and Tunisia had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.11.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.11 without a vote. The representatives of the United States and Japan spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.11.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.12 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 143.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 29th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2004/210, p. 25), the last paragraph should read as follows:

> The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a presentation, under agenda item 105 (c), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Switzerland, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Ratification: Latvia (28 October 2004)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Latvia (28 October 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

United Nations Headquarters, 9 and 10 November 2004

The above seminar, sponsored by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat (OLA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will take place on 9 and 10 November 2004 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed essentially to meet the needs of members of the permanent missions and representatives from capitals, and other personnel, in particular, legal counsellors and advisors, dealing with matters of treaty law, or specifically involved with the preparation of treaty actions with regard to multilateral treaties and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

The seminar is based on the Treaty Handbook, which was developed and published by the Treaty Section of OLA. The Treaty Handbook is a practical guide to the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration requirements of the Secretariat. It is designated to serve as a tool for Member States, secretariats of international organizations and legal practitioners.

For more information about the seminar, please contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Information Notes and Nomination Forms will be transmitted to the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations in New York by UNITAR shortly.

Other announcements

Presentation on "Getting the best out of the United Nations and disarmament Web site" (organized by the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be an interactive presentation on "Getting the best out of the United Nations and disarmament Web site", organized by the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Italy, on *Monday, 1 November 2004*, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2004 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Nicaragua
H.E. Mr. Eduardo J. Sevilla Somoza

Western European and other States:
Netherlands
H.E. Mr. Dirk Jan van den Berg

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 29 October 2004.

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A/59/PV.2	Meeting held on 17 September 2004, 10.30 a.m. [S]
A/59/PV.8	Meeting held on 23 September 2004, 3 p.m. [R]
	Disarmament Commission
A/CN.10/PV.257	Meeting held on 5 April 2004, 10 a.m. [S]
A/CN.10/PV.259	Meeting held on 7 April 2004, 3 p.m. [S]
A/CN.10/PV.260	Meeting held on 13 April 2004, 4 p.m. [S]
A/CN.10/PV.261	Meeting held on 14 April 2004, 10 a.m. [S]
A/CN.10/PV.262	Meeting held on 16 April 2004, 10 a.m. [S]
A/CN.10/PV.263	Meeting held on 19 April 2004, 10 a.m. [S]
A/CN.10/PV.264	Meeting held on 21 April 2004, 10 a.m. [S]

General Assembly	**Documents**
	Fifty-ninth session
A/59/250/Add.3	Organization of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — Fourth report of the General Committee [A C E F R S]
A/59/365/Corr.1	Item 108 — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/386	Item 90 (b) — Operational activities for development: triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system — Comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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